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SUBJECT: EC CORN IMPORTS

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1. BECAUSE OF THE EXTENDED CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY AT THE COMMISSION (REFTEL D), WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH LARDINOIS AND SOAMES, WHO ARE OUT OF TOWN. HOWEVER, ON DECEMBER 24 WE CONVEYED THE POINTS IN REFTEL A TO HANNAY, WHO IS COMING INTERMITTENTLY TO THE OFFICE DURING THE VACATION PERIOD.

2. HANNAY SAID THAT HE WOULD CONVEY OUR MESSAGE, INCLUDING THE FIGURES IN REFTEL B, TO SOAMES AND OTHERS IN THE COMMISSION CONCERNED WITH GRAIN IMPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE REGRETED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE UNABLE TO GIVE A RESPONSE BEFORE OFFICIALS RETURN TO BRUSSELS IN JANUARY.

3. HANNAY RECONFIRMED SOAMES' COMMITMENT TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS IMMEDIATELY SHOULD CORN SHIPMENT FIGURES INDICATE THAT EC CORN PURCHASES FROM THE US

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WERE LIKELY, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, TO GET OUTSIDE THE

RANGE OF 7-8 MILLION TONS. HE SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS SOAMES HAD INFORMED LARDINOIS OF THIS CONSULTATION COMMITMENT, AND LARDINOIS AGREED.

4. HANNAY SAID THAT WITHOUT COMPARING THE FIGURES IN REFTEL WITH THE SEASONAL VARIATION IN SHIPMENTS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, HE DID NOT FEEL ABLE TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THE RECENT INCREASE IN US SHIPMENTS WAS A SEASONAL ABERRATION OR AN INDICATION OF REAL TROUBLE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT WHEN THE COMMISSION IS FUNCTIONING AGAIN IN EARLY JANUARY, IT WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER THE MOST RECENT US FIGURES AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. IF THESE JUSTIFIED ALARM, HE WOULD EXPECT US TO REQUEST THE CONSULTATIONS TO WHICH SOAMES WAS COMMITTED. HANNAY STIPULATED THAT SOAMES' WASHINGTON COMMITMENT WAS TO CONSULTATIONS AND NOT TO AUTOMATIC EC MEASURES ON THE BASIS OF A FEW WEEKS' TRADE FIGURES, PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, ALL THE RELEVANT COMMISSION OFFICIALS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THE OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO A US REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS.

5. WE HAVE ARRANGED TO MAKE THE POINTS IN REFTEL A TO OFFICIALS IN THE AGRICULTURE D.G. BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK. POLICY LEVEL DUTY OFFICERS IN THSI DIRECTORATE GENERAL AND IN LARDINOIS' CABINET HAVE NOT BEEN IN THEIR OFFICES FOR THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

6. WE ASSUME THAT REFTEL A CROSSED REFTELD C AND E. GREENWALD

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